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Landlord and Tenant

Introduction of the Malabar Tenancy Bill.

* 1259 Q.—Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state when the Malabar Tenancy Bill will be introduced by the Government?

A.—The Malabar Tenancy Bill, as drafted by the Committee, is under the consideration of the Government in consultation with representatives of the janmis and tenants. It is not possible to say now when the Bill will be introduced.

Mr. S. Satyamurti:—"May I know if, within the normal life of this Council, the Government expect to be in a position to introduce this Bill?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"We hope to do so, Sir, and also to pass it."

Mr. S. Satyamurti:—"That is a different matter."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"May I know if His Excellency the Governor has received a deputation from the janmis?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"I think I have read it in the papers."

Mr. K. V. R. Swami:—"May I know whether it is a fact that such a deputation was received?"

The hon. the President:—"The answer has been given that the Government have no information."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"May I know if the hon. the Revenue Member did not advise the Governor to receive the deputation?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"It is not expedient to do so."

Mr. S. Satyamurti:—"May I know whether as a matter of fact the Governor received the deputation without his knowledge or whether he knew that His Excellency was going to receive the deputation at all?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"Certainly, yes."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"May I know if the hon. the Revenue Member was present when the deputation was received?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks:—"I was not present."

Land Revenue

Alleged indebtedness of Mr. Masilamani Mudaliyar, Sub-Magistrate of Cheyyar.

* 1260 Q.—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) how often the pay of Mr. Masilamani Mudaliyar who was recently promoted to the post of Sub-Magistrate, Cheyyar, has been under attachment within the past six years;

(b) whether it is a fact that he is heavily indebted, and if so, to what extent;

(c) why he has been promoted to the position of Magistrate though he is habitually and heavily indebted?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) A report has been called for.